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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1171

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 3297

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SA

SUBJECT: MOVEMENT OF SAUDI ROYAL COURT

1. THE ROYAL FAMILY HAS APPARENTLY DECIDED THAT ONE OF THE THINGS TO BE LEFT TO KING KHALID IS THE MOVEMENT OF THE ROYAL COURT. KHALID HAS NOW MADE HIS DECISION. HE LIKES TAIF (FAISAL DID NOT) AND THE COURT WILL SPEND FOUR MONTHS THERE THIS SUMMER AND FALL.

2. THE COURT AND ALL RESPONSIBLE MINISTERS ARE DISMAYED. THEIR OFFICIALS AND THEIR FILES WILL STAY IN RIYADH AND THE MINISTERS AND TOP OFFICIALS WILL COMMUTE.

3. AS RECENTLY AS LAST WEEK CROWN PRINCE FAHD DID NOT KNOW WHEN THE MOVE WOULD TAKE PLACE, ALTHOUGH HE HAS BEEN GIVEN FULL AUTHORITY BY KHALID ON ALL INTERNAL
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AND EXTERNAL MATTERS.

4. THE MOVE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: SUNDAY, MAY 11, JIDDA TO RIYADH; REMAIN IN RIYADH APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS WITH A POSSIBLE VISIT OF TWO OR THREE DAYS TO THE EASTERN PROVINCE; MOVE TO TAIF JUNE 7 OR 8; REMAIN IN TAIF UNTIL AFTER 'ID AL-FITR HOLIDAYS (APPROXIMATELY OCTOBER 10); AND THEN RETURN TO RIYADH.

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